

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-51 are pending in the application.

***Restriction Requirement***

Claims 1-51 stand subject to a Restriction Requirement according to which the Examiner has divided the claims into twelve groups.

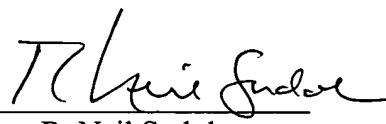
In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-5, for continued prosecution in the application.

In view of the above grounds, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review and reconsider the Restriction Requirement.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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